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## 71/11. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its previous resolutions relevant to cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,

*Recalling also* article 3 of the Charter of the League of Arab States,[1] which entrusts the Council of the League with the function of determining the means whereby the League will collaborate with international organizations to guarantee international peace and security, organize political, security, social, economic, cultural, technical, environmental and administrative relations, and enhance and strengthen the League's capacity in those areas,

*Taking into consideration* the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace",[2] and in particular section VII concerning cooperation with regional organizations, and the "Supplement to an Agenda for Peace",[3]

*Recognizing* the need for further strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States in the pursuit of the common goals and objectives of the two organizations,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,[4]

*Welcoming* the signing on 24 September 2016 of the protocol of amendment of the text of the cooperation agreement between the two organizations, and recognizing the need to continue to take the measures necessary to strengthen the existing cooperation between the two organizations,

*Commending* the resolutions and recommendations of the twelfth sectoral meeting between the United Nations and the League of Arab States and their specialized organizations, held in Cairo in October 2015, on the theme "The

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 70, No. 241.

[2] A/47/277-S/24111.

[3] A/50/60-S/1995/1.

[4] A/71/160-S/2016/621 and Add.1.



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repercussions of underestimating human rights: towards a comprehensive cooperation approach", as well as the thirteenth general cooperation meeting between the United Nations and the League of Arab States and their systems, held in Geneva in May 2016, at which challenges and threats undermining international peace and stability, as well as development, were addressed,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat of the United Nations and the League of Arab States to consider the possibility of forming a high-level working group to follow up on the implementation of the provisions of the protocol of amendment of the text of the cooperation agreement between the two organizations until a liaison office to the League of Arab States is opened in Cairo, with the aim of improving and achieving further coordination between the two organizations in the fields addressed in the protocol;

2. *Also requests* the Secretariat of the United Nations and the League of Arab States to continue their periodic consultations, at all levels, in order to exchange information, and review and strengthen coordination and follow-up mechanisms, particularly in the political and security fields;

3. *Calls upon* United Nations specialized agencies, programmes and institutions to continue their interaction with their counterparts from Arab organizations and institutions and to improve mechanisms for consultation with them, in order to implement mutually agreed projects and programmes and to make the greatest possible use of Arab institutions and their technical expertise in implementing projects undertaken in the Arab region;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of holding the thirteenth sectoral meeting between the two organizations and their specialized agencies, in 2017, concerning cooperation on the preservation and management of water resources in the Arab region, and the fourteenth general cooperation meeting between the two organizations and their systems during 2018, for which the dates and venue will be agreed upon in due course;

5. *Calls upon* the specialized agencies, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to inform the Secretary-General, no later than January 2018, of the progress made in its cooperation with the League of Arab States, in particular, the implementation of the multilateral proposals adopted at the thirteenth general cooperation meeting between the two organizations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

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*21 November 2016*